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BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 188)

(As Amended and Passed by the House March 26, 2015)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to stipends for the mental health professional
- 2 shortage area program.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 135.180, subsection 3, Code 2015, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 3. a. The program shall provide stipends to support
4 psychiatrist positions with an emphasis on securing and
5 retaining medical directors at community mental health centers,
6 providers of mental health services to county residents
7 pursuant to a waiver approved under section 225C.7, subsection
8 3, Code 2011, and hospital psychiatric units that are located
9 in mental health professional shortage areas.

10 b. The program shall provide stipends to support psychiatric
11 positions at nonprofit agencies licensed under chapter 135H
12 that provide mental health services if at least fifty percent
13 of the clients are covered under the medical assistance program
14 established in chapter 249A.

15 Sec. 2. Section 135.180, Code 2015, is amended by adding the
16 following new subsection:

17 NEW SUBSECTION. 6. Any funds remaining available after the
18 expenditures made pursuant to subsection 3 shall be used by the
19 program to provide stipends to support all of the following:

20 a. Psychiatrist positions at community mental health centers
21 and hospital psychiatric units if at least fifty percent of the
22 clients served in the community mental health centers or in
23 the hospital psychiatric units are covered under the medical
24 assistance program established in chapter 249A.

25 b. Psychiatric physicians who provide consulting services to
26 community mental health centers and hospital psychiatric units
27 that are located in mental health professional shortage areas.

28 c. Physicians in a psychiatric residency program agreeing to
29 provide services in a mental health professional shortage area
30 for a minimum of five years.